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COLLEGE OF LIFE

By Lawrence Wilson

Like all other churches, Pioneer Church of Sacramento has had its perennial problem of the high school age. It has with others faced the question: The Traditional Sunday School—is it an asset or a liability?

Something to fit the needs of the college and high school young people, who do not fit into the Sunday school, has been the crying need; something to fit that age as scouting fits the boy of twelve.

Religion must be given in an attractive environment which relates the other factors vitally affecting youth. It was ever a tragedy for a child to learn that two times two equals four from a hatchet-faced teacher. The religion of love must be taught in a lovely setting.

There must be ample time. Boys and girls at this age should meet together. They have to eat. They need the kind of fellowship which gathers around tables. They want to sing. They enter naturally into a beautiful worship service. They will rally to groups gathered around life-interests. The radio must be taken into account.

Here is how we meet these requirements. Our College of Life meets Sunday evenings at six. A supper is served on attractively decorated tables at a cost of ten cents. It consists of hot chocolate milk, delivered in bottles by a dairy, cakes and cookies obtained at special price in large quantities, and sandwiches which are made by our seven women's groups in turn. Group singing, rounds, and simple table games are led by a genius in such things. The last song is a devotional hymn, which puts the young people in a mood for the half hour of worship in the sanctuary. This is conducted by the young people, even to the choir and organist. It is in reality our Young People's church, organized five years ago, now meeting in the evening instead of morning. They then break up into interest groups, soon to be increased in number, which now include the following subjects: "The Art of Making Friends," "Finding One's Place in the World," and "Preparation for Home Making." There is a younger group following "The Highway of Life." The adult Seminar Group now forms a fifth class, following "Religion in the News."

After the group meetings the young people gather in the assembly hall for the inevitable radio programs, after which all go home at nine o'clock, happy and more Christian.

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

As in previous years, it is recommended that the fifth Sunday after Easter, which this year is May 2, be designated as "Rural Life Sunday." Printed programs and suggestions for the conduct of appropriate services may be secured from Thomas Alfred Tripp of the Town & Country Department of the Church Extension Boards, 287 Fourth Ave., New York. Such observance emphasizes the importance of one half of the earth's population, promotes a better understanding between country and city, and brings about a fuller realization of the spiritual meaning of rural life.

WE THANK YOU

Once again northern California is "over the top" with a slight surplus instead of an annoying deficit at the end of the fiscal year. Not until mid-afternoon of March 31 was it certain that the goal had been reached. Thirty-five friends responded with a total of $630 to the special appeal that was printed in The Pacific, and sent out in personal letters and by interviews on the part of the field secretary and the superintendent. Without this very cordial and generous expression of confidence in the work of the Conference, we should have fallen short. To be sure, the major factor in the success of the enterprise was the prompt remittance by church treasurers and the cooperation of pastors in seeing that it was done at the close of the quarter.

Our churches have special cause for rejoicing in that during the year our field secretary was added to our staff without any provision having been made in the budget for salary or expense, and that two years ago the same situation obtained in taking over the support of a director of religious work at the University of California. The assumption of these responsibilities was an act of faith on the part of the board of directors, and the results at the end of the fiscal years abundantly justified the wisdom of the actions.

It is sincerely hoped that the increased giving of the churches under the plan voted at the last state conference and re-affirmed by the board of directors at a recent meeting, will make it unnecessary to make a special appeal a year hence.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, April 15—Spring meeting of Federation of Congregational Women, San Mateo.
Friday, April 23—San Joaquin Association, Pilgrim Church, Fresno.
Tuesday, April 27—Bay Association, Bethany Church, 36th and Grove Sts., Oakland.
Wednesday, April 28 — Sacramento Valley Association, Pioneer Church, Sacramento.
Friday, April 30—Central Association, Angels Camp.
Tuesday, May 4—Santa Clara Association, Palo Alto.
Wednesday, May 5—Redwood Empire Association, Sebastopol.
Thursday, May 6—Pacific School of Religion commencement exercises.
Friday, May 7—Upper Bay Association, Suisun.
Monday to Wednesday, May 10-12—Southern California Conference, Pilgrim Church, Pomona.
June 22 to July 2—Institute of International Relations, Mills College.
July 18-23 — Missionary Education Movement Conference, Asilomar.
July 24-31—Asilomar Young People's Conference.
October 26-28 — Annual meeting of State Conference, First Church, Oakland.

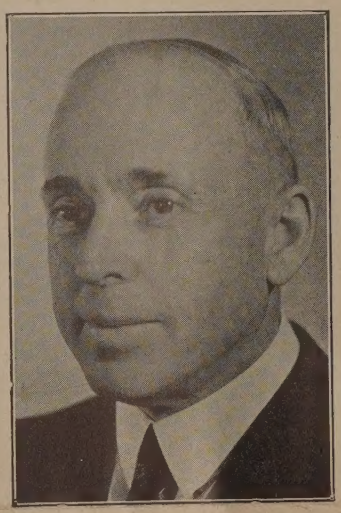
C. S. A. HEAD COMING

Rev. Alfred Schmalz, associate director of the Council for Social Action, will be in the Bay area for one day, May 9. It is hoped to have a special meeting of the Conference Committee on Social Action to meet him.

SPRING VISITOR

Our guest and visiting speaker for the spring meetings of the associations will be the Rev. Howell D. Davies, D. D., of Chicago, Ill. Dr. Davies is Midwest regional secretary of the Missions Council, covering a territory of twenty states from Ohio to Montana and Texas.

He is of Welch descent, his father having been pastor of the Welch Presbyterian Church at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, for 24 years. Dr. Davies was educated in the public schools of Oshkosh, at Ripon College where he was editor of the college paper, and at Princeton Theological Seminary. He was awarded a travelling fellowship and studied at the University of Halle, Germany, and at Basel, Switzerland. He took advanced study in Semitic languages at the University of Wisconsin where he was also instructor in New Testament Greek. He later taught Hebrew at Nashotah Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary.



Rev. Howell D. Davies, D.D.

In 1912 Dr. Davies became pastor of the First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa, Wis., serving it for thirteen years, during which time a new edifice was erected. In 1925 he went to the Congregational Church at The Dalles, Oregon, and two years later to the work of the Mid-west region.

He has served as moderator of the Wisconsin Conference and chairman of the Conference committee on young people's work, and was active in summer conferences in Wisconsin, Oregon, and Washington.

Dr. Davies is a preacher of power, and comes to northern California on his first visit to meet with our churches and leaders. He will add greatly to the strength of the association programs.

MIMEOGRAPH FOR SALE

The conference has for sale a mimeograph machine, in good condition. It is just the thing for a pastor or a church. The Conference is installing a new machine, not because of dissatisfaction with the old but in order to get greater speed and ease of operation on long runs. The price is $30, plus transportation. First come, first served.

World Service Plans

The following program for educational work on World Service in our churches has been recommended by the Committee on Benevolence Promotion and approved by the Conference Board of Directors. Superintendent Gill and Field Secretary Sherman plan to visit as many churches as possible, helping to organize committees and to plan their programs.

1. That we reaffirm our action of a year ago, namely, that for the year 1937 a determined and sustained effort be made to raise $5,000 in addition to the average giving of the years 1934-35, bringing the total for the year up to $39,000, and for 1938 to $44,000.

2. In reaching these goals, the Benevolence Promotion Committee and the Conference Board of Directors will not launch a special campaign but will sponsor a thorough program of education in world service.

3. The method will be an active local committee on world service in each and every church, including or reinforced by officers or elected representatives from the trustees, the women's organization, the young people's societies, the Sunday school, the men's club, and other like groups, also the commissioner to the Federation of Congregational Women, which committee will assume very definite responsibilities, such as:

(a) Devising methods for raising the increased apportionment.
(b) Seeing that the money raised for benevolences is remitted regularly.
(c) Recommending the budget for world service to the church at the time its budget for current expenses is adopted.
(d) Assisting the trustees and the every-member-canvass committee in raising the budgets.
(e) Being responsible for education in world service in each and every department of the church, including the board of trustees, the Sunday school, the young people's societies, women's organizations, men's clubs, etc.
(f) Assuming responsibility for distribution of literature prior to the every-member-canvass and during the year at church services, by mail, by means of a literature table, and by the appointing of a church agent for denominational publications.
(g) Providing publicity for speakers on world service, and requesting the pastor for missionary sermons.
(h) Cooperating with other organizations in sending delegates to summer conferences.
(i) Planning for a school of missions or for study courses in various groups using the Missionary Education Movement study books.
(j) Arranging for missionary plays and pageants.

4. The committee will suggest to the young people's societies and to the various departments of the Sunday school, projects toward which the benevolence gifts of the young people may be made.

5. Regular meetings of the committee will be held at stated intervals throughout the year, at which time a review will be made of the work accomplished.

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HOW IT WAS DONE

A very great improvement is shown in the first three months of 1937 in comparison with the like period of a year ago, in the promptness of remittances by the churches. In all probability this was in part due to an early Easter. Most of the individual gifts for the deficit are credited to the churches in the columns that appear below, but they do not apply toward the goals adopted by the churches. The gratitude of the Conference and of the Boards to the churches and interested individuals is profound. A continuance of the response thus far shown will put California far in the fore-front as the year progresses.

	March 1937	Jan. 11 to Mar. 31, '37	Jan. 11 to Mar. 31, '36
Adin	$ 9.50	$ 9.50	$
Alameda			127.64
Angels Camp		125.00	25.00
Antioch	16.66	16.66	13.80
Auburn		60.00	25.00
Benicia	20.00	20.00	
Berkeley, First	660.00	1,797.38	1,242.27
Kensington		10.00	
North	75.00	75.00	150.00
Park	19.00	19.00	18.47
Campbell	55.00	55.00	50.00
Cloverdale	5.65	10.30	27.90
Cotati			26.18
Eureka	40.00	74.32	50.49
Ferndale			52.26
Fresno, First	102.32	204.14	143.79
Pilgrim	25.00	35.00	
Hayfork			3.00
Kenwood	13.70	13.70	7.30
Likely			5.00
Lockeford			2.50
Lodi, First	110.00	110.00	100.00
Loomis		12.00	7.10
Martinez	57.33	91.94	36.33
Murphy		50.00	40.00
Niles			10.00
Oakland, First	626.66	1,509.98	1,226.26
Fruitvale	12.00	12.00	5.00
Pilgrim	5.76	5.76	
Plymouth	59.48	152.29	205.00
Oroville	30.00	60.00	30.00
Pacific Grove	74.90	107.40	72.36
Palo Alto	300.00	450.00	150.00
Paradise	19.26	33.08	29.00
Petaluma	142.04	187.84	151.05
Pittsburg	33.15	33.15	23.93
Port Chicago			2.65
Porterville	37.50	37.50	25.00
Redwood City	160.00	160.00	100.00
Ripon	17.00	22.99	8.00
Sacramento	96.59	144.58	156.70
San Carlos	8.23	18.23	
San Francisco, Bethany Msn.			
Park	65.24	68.74	3.00
First	287.76	431.65	413.51
Ocean View	10.00	10.00	6.83
San Jose	90.00	190.00	133.00
San Leandro		21.95	8.90
San Mateo	60.00	60.00	
San Rafael		24.00	
Santa Cruz	150.00	150.00	160.00
Santa Rosa	42.45	53.50	61.89
Saratoga	150.45	150.45	
Sebastopol	45.05	71.13	71.18
Sonoma	8.50	8.50	
Soquel	10.00	10.00	5.00
Stockton	36.60	56.70	129.39
Tulare		75.00	95.00
Weaverville	4.14	28.15	15.00
Reno, Nevada	55.50	86.77	90.05
Miscellaneous	250.80	290.80	491.35
	$4,098.22	$7,511.08	$6,033.08

EAST BAY Y.P. RALLY

East Bay Pilgrim Fellowship will gather on Friday, April 16, for a rally at First Church, Alameda. Hyrar Terzian, East Bay Vice-Prexy, is in charge. Supper, at 30 cents, will be served and entertainment will follow.

ASILOMAR PLANS

By Edwin T. Sherman

The Pilgrim Fellowship Cabinet has had much profit and pleasure working out programs for their Mid-winter and Asilomar conferences, and then putting them over. Because of this the Asilomar Conference program is to center around the word "workshop." This plan will enable each delegate to return to his or her church with actual experience in programing and promoting definite work adaptable to local church needs. This is theoretical and practical work fused in a constructive way. It is somewhat different from methods of former years, but will be a step for which the local churches and pastors have been hoping.

To illustrate, Social Action at Asilomar is to be one of the workshop projects. There will be lectures, of course, a period a day, but also actual investigation of a nearby industrial and economic situation. Again, mission study will not be a series of lectures alone, but practical adaptation of information to definite projects and programs of home and foreign missions. This will also be the case with worship services, music, recreation, publicity, and other subjects.

The workshop plan is enhanced in value by the type of instructors available as faculty members,— Dr. Raymond C. Brooks, formerly pastor of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley and now president of Cumnock Schools in Los Angeles; Professor Edward V. Tenney of Fresno State Teachers' College; Rev. Lawrence Wilson of Sacramento; Professor Obed Johnson, formerly professor of a great missionary college in Canton, China, and who also taught at Mills and Stanford and is now professor of psychology and religion at Wabash College; Rev. Godfrey Matthews of Hayward; Dr. R. W. Gammon, Secretary of Congregational Education Society; Rev. John H. Gregg of Porterville; Mrs. Dorothy Bennett of Oakland; and others to be selected.

Rev. Fred R. Morrow and Dr. T. T. Giffen are co-directors of the Conference and Dr. Giffen will also be chaplain. With a program and a faculty of this high type, it should call for not only the approval, but the hearty cooperation and promotion of the same by the adult members of each church. It could well be a practical demonstration of interest in youth if each department of every Congregational Church of northern California would see that financial assistance is given to sending several delegates to the Conference, the dates of which are July 24-31. The cost will be $15.30 each (including registration) for a week of unusual training. It is an investment which will repay many fold in loyalty, devotion, and the deepening of character of potential leaders in church work.

Back of this Asilomar program is the planning committee, consisting of Paul Baldwin, chairman, Prescott Thompson, Viola Mann, Fred Morrow, E. T. Sherman, T. T. Giffen, Eleanor Sherman, Tom Borden, Marian Giffen, and others.

R. R. MORGAN ACCEPTS ONEONTA

Friends of Rev. R. R. Morgan, formerly Congregational Director of Student Work at the University of California, will be glad to hear that he has been called as pastor of the Oneonta Congregational Church of South Pasadena. Mr. Morgan has been associate pastor at the Neighborhood Church in Pasadena, and now takes his place at the head of one of our stronger churches in the south.

PEACE INSTITUTE AT MILLS COLLEGE

The Institute of International Relations at Mills College, Oakland, will be held this year from June 22 to July 2. This, and eight other institutes, are carried on each year under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee and the Council for Social Action. The full cost for tuition, board and lodging is $27.50. The cost of tuition alone, for those who wish simply to attend the lectures and discussions, is $10.

The institute attendance last year was 66, of whom 18 came from our Congregational - Christian churches. This is but a beginning of the interest which we shall be developing in this significant project for the education of peace leadership. We urge our pastors and church leaders to attend this institute. In many cases it will be possible for some church organization—the women's society, the men's club, an older young people's group—to raise all or part of the expense of sending a representative. Here is one concrete way of working for peace.

A postcard to the Council for Social Action, 289 Fourth Ave., New York, will bring full information about the institute, the lecturers from here and abroad, the subjects to be discussed.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE ACTIVITIES

The active and able work of Mr. Paul Baldwin as student assistant in the service of our Conference to students at the University of California has greatly increased its effectiveness since January 1. Among the activities promoted in the Student Center are a noon luncheon group; a study course in "Jesus as Teacher," conducted by Dr. Dryden Phelps; a discussion class in the sects and denominations of Christendom; and a reading group devoted to appreciation of fine drama and poetry.

In March an entertainment, "Panthalia," was presented in Pilgrim Hall. Three one-act plays and the music of a 22-piece concert orchestra inspired a happy response from the audience. In the Easter vacation, a number of the students enjoyed a two-day outing at the Barker summer home at Boulder Creek. The young people have been under some added expense in replacing the radio which was stolen recently from Plymouth House.

Election of officers for the year will be held the first Sunday in April.

ALASKA AND MEXICO TOURS

THE CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION is just anouncing its 1937 TRAVEL TOURS. Many of our leaders have enjoyed this Christian Tour fellowship, among them recently Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Moore of the CHAPEL OF THE CHIMES.

Two ALASKA TOURS are planned, July 10-24 and August 10-25, and the FOURTH ANNUAL MEXICO TOUR August 11-26. These tours will be all-expense and personally conducted by the state general secretary, Howard L. Brown, and the state field secretary, Rev. Paul C. Brown.

For information write CALIFORNIA C. E. UNION, 301 Columbia Bldg., Los Angeles.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE AT POMONA

The Southern Congregational Conference will meet at Pomona, May 9 to 11. Rev. Howell D. Davies of Chicago, and Rev. Alfred Schmalz of New York, will be visiting speakers from the east. Superintendent Gill has been asked to give the address to the Conference on Monday evening.

SAN CARLOS. Regular attendance was doubled on Palm Sunday in spite of rain. Twelve new members are to be received later. The church joined with Redwood City churches in a Good Friday three - hour service. Easter Sunday the church was filled to capacity. Rev. Alden A. Read is pastor.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. "A most happy Easter," reports Rev. J. B. Orr, the pastor, with an attendance of 275 in the morning and 175 in the evening. The program of the evening was a play, entitled, "The Open Door," taken from The Pilgrim Highroad. Again this church scores with The Pacific list, totaling 36 subscriptions.

PETALUMA. Rev. Hugh Vernon White was speaker at the Women's Service Club and also at the Rotary Club. On Easter evening the high school department put on the play, "Barabbas," following the presentation of Shelley's "Our Lord Victorious" by the choir. Rev. Ralph C. Waddell is the pastor.

AUBURN. A choir of 22 young people gave an Easter cantata, with excellent results. The house was crowded. Sixteen united with the church, nine on confession and seven by letter, a total of 22 for the year. Rev. H. J. Loken, pastor, has now moved from Loomis to Auburn and is living in the parsonage.

BERKELEY, PARK. Rev. Tom Watt, the pastor, has been distributing 1,000 handbills in the neighborhood announcing the church program and with a community message. It seems to bear fruit; there were more strangers at the Easter service than ever before.

REDWOOD CITY. The three women's organizations have joined to form the Women's Guild which will meet monthly in addition to the separate meetings of the groups. A contest in the Sunday school, called "A Trip to the Moon" has resulted in increased attendance.

SAN RAFAEL. Mr. Howard G. Eddy, who has been serving this church as pastor, is soon to leave and take up his duty in another field. The church suspended services on March 14 in order to be at the ordination of Mr. Eddy at St. John's Presbyterian Church in San Francisco.

SONOMA. The pastorate of Rev. Edward W. Perry has had a very auspicious beginning. Congregations are much larger and Sunday school attendance has markedly increased. The people are enthusiastic over the new leadership.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. Rev. J. H. McCartney, pastor, reports the largest attendance on Easter Sunday during his pastorate of nearly seven years. Plans are under way looking toward the reduction of the church indebtedness.

SARATOGA. Seven new members were received into fellowship on Easter Sunday. This church participated in a hill-top service along with Los Gatos churches at Easter sunrise. Rev. Burton M. Palmer is the pastor.

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

BERKELEY, FIRST. A recent event at the First Congregational Church of Berkeley was the Easter Youth Conference, at which approximately a hundred young people were in attendance. Instructional Groups, with the church school staff participating, met in the morning and then went in a body to the church auditorium to hear Dr. Carl S. Patton's Palm Sunday message. After the luncheon, served in Pilgrim Hall at the close of the morning service, afternoon sessions were led by Rev. Mert Lampson, Dr. Vaughn McCaughey, Rev. E. T. Sherman and Dr. J. W. Buckham. The closing address of the afternoon was given by Rev. Laurance L. Cross, well-known NBC radio pastor. A service of consecration, conducted by Rev. Godfrey Matthews, brought into church membership over a dozen young people. The general theme of the conference was "Thy Kingdom Come On Earth." The conference was under the directorship of Rev. Fred R. Morrow.

The Easter services at First Church were well attended, a total of nearly 3,000 persons participating in the three services which were held during the day. The evening services have been particularly happy under the direction of Rev. Laurance L. Cross.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. On Palm Sunday the congregation joined in the singing of the cantata, "The King of Love," the music for which was written by the pastor, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce. Holy Week services were held at the noon hour Monday to Thursday, and the three hours were observed on Good Friday, with several ministers participating. The church was crowded, with people sitting on the platform and others standing, at the Easter morning service.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. The attendance at Sheep Ranch is increasing, new people coming in almost every week. At Murphy a good many CCC boys have been attending Young People's Society. Rev. Glenn Corbin, the pastor, preached at the CCC camp Easter afternoon. A vocal soloist has come to Angels Camp and is of great help in the music of the church.

PACIFIC GROVE. The churches of the community united in a communion service on Thursday of Holy Week, and also for the three-hour period on Good Friday. New choir robes were used for the first time at the Easter morning service. Laymen cottage prayer meetings were held during Lent instead of the usual mission study. Rev. John H. Hunter is pastor.

OAKLAND, BETHANY. Five new members were added during March, bringing the total to 86. The average attendance at Sunday school is exactly the same as the enrollment of the school. Rev. V. H. Yessayan is the pastor.

LOOMIS. A splendid musical program was presented on Easter by singers recruited from miles around. Rev. H. J. Loken continues to care for Loomis although having moved to Auburn. The parsonage debt is being paid off at the rate of $25 a month.

EUREKA. New hymnals are being provided for the church by the Plymouth Club. Two children's camps are in prospect for the summer at Plymouth Park which is owned and operated by Rev. C. H. Hudson, the pastor.

KENWOOD. Sunday, March 14, being the birthday of the pastor, Rev. Frank E. Boren, the occasion was pleasantly observed by more than fifty persons partaking of the turkey dinner in the social room of the church, after the morning service. Mr. Boren was the recipient of many tokens of love and esteem, both verbal and substantial. He is now in the eighth year of his pastorate. The attendance during 1936 was the largest during this time, and that for the weeks since January 1, 1937, has been the largest average of all. The social room of the church has recently been painted, the chairs varnished, and new drapes provided for the windows. The pastor's work includes Kenwood and Glen Ellen, and also the State Home at Eldridge, where services are held at 8:45 every Sunday morning.

PORTERVILLE. Two campaigns for building funds have been successfully completed, one to provide $3,000 cash by the end of March and the other for $3,000 in pledges over a two-year period. Work has been started on the new social hall that is to take the place of the wing which was destroyed by fire. Total improvements to building and organ will amount to $21,000, for which adequate financing has been arranged. At Easter Sunday morning service 521 people were present whose offerings totaled over $500. Rev. John H. Gregg is pastor.

PITTSBURG. Through the generosity of Mrs. Laura Cragin of Santa Rosa, daffodils were offered to the Pittsburg church for a "daffodil tea," sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary. On the first aniversary of the coming of the pastor, Rev. E. W. Benedict, a reception was tendered to him and his family. Thirty-one new members were received on Thursday of Holy Week, fourteen by letter and seventeen on confession.

SOQUEL. The Tri-County rally of Christian Endeavor was entertained by the young people of this church, and the Women's Missionary Societies of Santa Cruz spent the World Day of Prayer at Soquel. New back steps for the parsonage and a new chimney for the church have been provided. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath, the pastor, has a Sunday School Home Department of 33 members.

HAYFORK. Services have been held in that portion of the church building which did not collapse from the weight of the snow. Voluntary labor has torn away the wrecked portion and removed the broken lumber. Contractors have been asked to estimate the cost of rebuilding and plans are under way in the valley to finance the same.

SEBASTOPOL. Four persons joined on confession of faith on Easter Sunday. The attendance was larger by 31 than on any other Easter during the pastorate of Rev. George E. Atkinson. Representatives from churches at Petaluma, Sonoma, and Santa Rosa were present at the meeting addressed by Rev. Hugh Vernon White.

ADIN. The young people of the church put on a religious drama on Good Friday evening, under the direction of Mrs. A. W. Monosmith, the wife of the pastor. It brought many favorable comments and was a distinct contribution to the spirit of Holy Week.

TULARE. A seven-point program of physical improvement of the church plant, proposed by the pastor one year ago, was completed when the Tulare Church recently voted to purchase a two-manual Kilgen pipe organ. The organ, which is to be installed in September, will be a memorial to the late Mrs. H. M. Shreve, whose bequest to the church will supply a large part of the purchase price.

The Tulare Pilgrim Fellowship group were hosts for a rally on Friday, March 19, with delegations from Fresno and Porterville in attendance. A fine dinner, served by the Tulare mothers, was followed by an interesting and enthusiastic program, with "Asilomar" the center of discussion.

PENNGROVE. An accomplished choir director and pipe organist having moved into the community, a new choir has been started, which was of great help at Easter. An original pageant on "Christian Life" was produced in the evening before a large audience, under the direction of Mrs. C. C. Champlin, wife of the pastor. The pastor's salary has been increased and the Sunday school has quadrupled during 1937. The property at Penngrove has now been deeded to the Conference and the way is cleared for the organization of a church.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. A bulletin is distributed to all members and friends of the church and many others in the community. Mr. C. W. Kirkpatrick, the pastor, testifies that never in his experience has he known a church of the size of Ocean View to carry on successfully such a wide variety of stimulating and profitable activities. During March ten persons were received into the church by confession and three by letter.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. Superintendent Gill gave the seven sermons at the three-hour service on Good Friday. Rev. D. W. Throckmorton, the pastor, presided and conducted the periods of worship. The 7th anniversary of the United Church revealed reports of increasing strength and all bills for the last year paid. One of the social rooms of the church has been renovated.

WEAVERVILLE. Rev. James D. Salmon reports the church filled to capacity for three services. Six new members were received, four on confession of faith. Good Friday services were held in the evening. Work will be re-opened at Lewiston in the near future, which has been abandoned for the time being on account of bad roads.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. A great crowd thronged the large auditorium on Easter morning. On Palm Sunday the young people held an all-day conference and retreat with Mr. Ralph Scott, Rev. Pierson Parker, Mrs. Dorothy Bennett, Mr. Malcolm White, Mr. Everett Cole, Mrs. F. B. Abbott, and the pastor, Rev. T. T. Giffen, as leaders.

SANTA CRUZ. The work and the officers of the church were made the subject of a special display in the "Santa Cruz Sentinel," sponsored by a number of business firms. Pictures of leaders, and a brief history of the church, together with something of its program were set forth in a quarter-page display.

ALTURAS. The town has been a good deal shaken the last few days, on acount of the murder so widely reported in the public press. Drink and gambling are alleged to be the underlying causes.

The Knights Templar were guests at the Easter service. Eight new members were received on March 14, among them outstanding people, including school supervisor for the county, the executive of the Electric Company, and two music teachers. The budget has been considerably increased, the building is to be repaired during the coming summer, and the salary of the pastor, Rev. J. K. Ballou, has been increased.

OROVILLE. Sixteen new members have been received into the church since the first of the year. During the same period the pastor, Rev. E. G. Brinkmeyer, has baptized seven infants and three adults, and he averages about one funeral a week, many of them requiring long mountain drives. The church building is to be painted, with two coats, and it is hoped to have it completed by the time of the eightieth anniversary, which will be April 17 and 18. This anniversary will include a "home coming" banquet, an anniversary sermon by Superintendent Gill, and a historical drama on Sunday evening.

RENO, FEDERATED. A series of midweek studies, between Easter and Pentecost, on "Some recent books that will help you," has been inaugurated by Rev. William Moll Case, the pastor. Among these books is Kirkland's "As Far as I Can See," Hart's "Living Religion," Whale's "The Christian Answer to the Problem of Evil," Link's "The Return to Religion," and Underhill's "Worship."

ANTIOCH. The Job's Daughters were guests on Palm Sunday and participated in the service. Every available seat was filled on Easter morning and a number of people were turned away. Twenty-one new members were received. Rev. William R. Steininger, the pastor, spoke on "The Light-fringed Mystery." The church was filled to hear a cantata in the evening.

COTATI. Get-together suppers form the occasion of promoting sociability. Several carloads of ladies went to Petaluma to hear Rev. Hugh Vernon White in his address at the women's luncheon. Rev. C. C. Champlin is pastor.

HAYWARD. This church reports the best Easter during the pastorate of Rev. Godfrey Matthews. Four persons were received on confession of faith and two by letter.

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SPRING MEETING PROGRAM

The spring meeting of the Federation will be held at the Congregational Church, San Mateo and Tilton Avenues, San Mateo, Thursday, April 15, beginning at 10:30. Those attending should bring basket lunch, and coffee will be served by the San Mateo church.

After music and greetings presented by San Mateo people, the morning program will be devoted to "Work Among Children and Young People." Miss Helen M. Perkins will discuss "Handicaps Due to Modern Life;" Mrs. Dorothy Bennett of Oakland will speak on "Our Response to the Needs of Youth Among the Juniors;" Rev. Fred R. Morrow of Berkeley will talk about "Work Among Young People;" Mrs. Avery Howe of Palo Alto will discuss "Adult Leadership;" and Mrs. Godfrey Matthews of Hayward, "Our Part as Church Women."

In the afternoon Mr. John Dodd of San Francisco will speak on "Vocational Rehabilitation of the Physically Disabled," and Mrs. James Hazlett of Palo Alto on "The Fine Art of Living."

WHITE SPEAKS AT MARCH MEETING

At the March meeting Dr. Hugh Vernon White gave an appraisal of the significance to China of Christianity. Our missionaries translated the Bible into the Mandarin, thus making the Chinese written language a common language. This has had the important result of giving to China a written vehicle of communication between her leaders and the common people. Furthermore, as China has watched the missionaries (American, in particular) organize churches, hospitals, schools, flood relief, she has learned from them the form of organization, and this also involves the spirit of working together, or cooperation. Thus, through the Christian religion, China has received her training in the necessary instrumentalities for achieving things. Christianity has also given to China the family hearthstone—the small-family-organization in place of large-clan-organization. An officious English railroad manager told Dr. White, "Take your missionaries home and leave China to Buddha." Buddhism is a religion whose supreme goal is escape from the world, withdrawal from active life. "One must wander alone like a rhinoceros." Buddhism has no doctrine of morality, of personal effort, of the social bond and the transformed society. China today needs a social consciousness and a sense of public responsibility, a moral leverage and a spiritual lead. She needs the dynamic religion of Jesus Christ."

Field Secretary Outlines Plans

The work of our new field secretary, Rev. E. T. Sherman, is threefold: financial, religious education, and young people's work. He stands ready to be of service in any of these lines to any church which needs him. We women can help: (1) by seeing to it that our Sunday Schools use our own denominational high grade material instead of the miscellaneous supplies now used in some places; (2) by encouraging an interested acquaintance with our world service work through the use of missionary material in Sunday School and young people's work; (3) by promoting regional institutes for training better leaders and Sunday School teachers. The next institute will be held at Sebastopol, May 5, in connection with the Redwood Empire Association meeting; (4) by making sure that our young people have at their disposal "The Pilgrim High Road," our fine monthly magazine, which can be secured for $1.25 a year through our Conference headquarters; (5) by promoting wisely planned times for decision on the part of our young people; (6) by helping to make it possible for them to attend the Summer Conference at Asilomar; (7) by promoting our benevolence goal (a) through World Service committees representing every department of our church work, and (b) through missionary pageants and exhibits.

NEW THANK OFFERING PROJECT

Our Federation is honored by a new call to service. Grace United Church (Congregational and Methodist) is situated in the Mission District of San Francisco, where there are over 20,000 juveniles (children under 18). Twenty-seven per cent of the juvenile crime of San Francisco is in this district, and the center of tension in juvenile delinquency is only five blocks from Grace United Church, which has launched a program of children's work adapted to the special needs there. Its staff works in closest cooperation with the juvenile court, responding to all its requests for contacting homes and boys. The pastor, Rev. Dillon W. Throckmorton, (an interview with whom appears in February's "California Monthly"), writes to local business men and others sponsoring this Children's Project: "I believe with you that religion is the dynamic force for the good society . . . . . We do know that the religious guidance given in our Children's Project is a deterrent of crime and contributory to effective living." After careful consideration, our Federation voted to undertake enthusiastically a thank offering of $1,300 for this year, in order to contribute $250 to this Children's Project, besides our usual gift of $1,050 to our other two splendid projects—Trinity County work and Dr. Leonard Wilbur's work in China. Last year's thank offering was $1,202.60.

OUR RURAL SLUMS

We have heard much about our city slums. Now, through Chester Rowell and others, our newspapers are calling attention to our rural slums, of which a nine-year-old bride is a recent product. The whole nation has been agitated over her and wonders what can be done. One thing we Congregationalists can do: we can give loyal support to our Home Missionary work, which carries on in the Tennessee Mountains, and thus assure a larger area of influence there. Pleasant Hill Academy, aided by Uplands Sanitarium, is doing much for mountain folk and could do much more if they had larger means. Closer home are our deplorable migration camps. "We must support our work," says Mrs. Chester Marliave, our Home Field secretary.

CHINESE AND AMERICANS COOPERATE

Some years ago our Federation, through Mrs. E. B. Mead, then Social Relations secretary, purchased much needed new curtains for our struggling little Chinese Congregational Church in Berkeley. The Chinese greatly appreciated this and a fine sense of fellowship developed between the Chinese and American women, who selected the curtain material together and sewed on it together. Recently, this bit of history repeated itself almost to the letter, except that individual women in Berkeley, First Church, took the initiative and paid the bill. Many flowers from Berkeley gardens find their way into the usually flowerless Chinese Church, where the children enjoy them not only on Sunday but through the week in their daily Chinese school hour. Red berries were sent for their Christmas exercises, and forty hyacinths for their Easter service. The continuing sense of fellowship and mutual interest is a happy experience.

WORLD STUDENT PERSONALITIES

". . . . . I saw people of different races, with different faces, different colors of skin. I also encountered several diverse points of view. I noted especially the peaceful minds of the delegates from New Zealand and Australia, the romantic attitudes of the Hawaiians, the red or Communistic emphasis of the Mexicans, the manager of the British delegates, the melancholy of the Germans, the high spirits of the Americans and the Chinese. It seemed impossible to conceive the so-called World Christian Community, but in the end we all came to the finest mutual understanding—we realized that not every Japanese is a militarist, not every Chinese is filthy, not every Englishman an imperialist, etc., but we all of us belong to our Father's family. This is not just mere talk; it was a real experience for me."—Sylvia S. C. Huang, Fukien Christian University, '36, delegate to Pacific Area Conference of World's Christian Student Federation at Mills College, on steamer met by Mrs. E. V. Krick, our hospitality chairman.

OUR DAFFODIL LADY

Northern California readers of The Missionary Herald are happy and proud to note, in the last issue, an article by our own Mrs. William H. Youngman of Santa Rosa regarding one of our most devoted church and missionary workers, Mrs. Laura Cragin, the "daffodil lady." By her work in her garden, raising daffodils, she has been the means of raising many thousands of dollars for church and missionary purposes, and, in addition, brings delight to many who share with her the love of the beautiful flowers. The Pacific desires to express its appreciation to Mrs. Cragin, and thanks to Mrs. Youngman for the article.

YOUTH CONFERENCE

For the first time California is holding this summer an Interdenominational Youth Conference, designed for potential leaders in young people's work. This marks the beginning of a new youth program—an outgrowth of the National Conference at Lakeside, Ohio, last year. It is hoped that from this will grow a new spirit of "oneness" and cooperation among all church young people. The immediate purpose of the week's conference at Lake Alpine, July 4-11, is to present the problems which face the youth of today and to seek a solution for them, to discover a purpose, and then to make definite plans for achieving that end. Recall the Lakeside slogan: "Christian Youth Building a New World"—this is it.

M. B. FISHER TO TRAVEL

Rev. Miles B. Fisher, known and beloved in all of northern California, has resigned his pastorate at La Canada, to take effect the middle of April. With Mrs. Fisher, he will travel in the south and east during the spring, and then sail with the Sherwood Eddy party and be in Europe for several months.

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